



EqUIP FINAL SYMPOSIUM

25. – 26. 10. 2016
BLED / SLOVENIA

BACKGROUND and AGENDA

Venue:

Hotel Golf Bled,
Cankarjeva 4, Bled, Slovenia (Jupiter Hall)



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Background

The EU-India Platform for the Social Sciences and Humanities (EqUIP) brings together research funding and support organisations in Europe and India in order to develop a stronger strategic partnership for multi-lateral research collaboration. Europe and India have strong historical links, but its research collaboration relationships are relatively new. EqUIP is linking and building upon successful partner relationships developed at the European level, using the NORFACE and HERA European Research Area Networks (ERA-NETs) as a basis for expanding interactions with India. As in those networks, the EqUIP platform is supporting research funding agencies across Europe and India to build a stronger strategic partnership between Europe and India, increase opportunities for networking and dialogue amongst researchers and for joint research programming. A key element of the work will be in identifying opportunities and priorities for future research collaboration.

Through initial scoping exercise EqUIP identified five broad areas of potentially aligned research themes that would benefit from an EU-India perspective.

These are:

- A. Sustainable prosperity, well-being and innovation;
- B. Inequalities, growth and place/space;
- C. Social transformations, cultural expressions, cross-cultural connections and dialogue;
- D. Power structures, conflict resolution and social justice;
- E. Digital archives and databases as a source of mutual knowledge;

Discussions from each symposium was captured in the reflection papers which will be presented at the Final symposium meeting in Slovenia (25. – 26. 10. 2016).

Objectives

Final symposia meeting will bring together all convenors of the individual academic symposia, academic discussants, EqUIP project partners, EqUIP associated partners and prominent academic participants. The main objectives of the final symposia meeting are:

- To discuss the results of “Reflection papers” of all symposia (A-E) that were organized from in 2015 and 2016 with the convenors, discussants and academic participants;
- Extract the research priorities and establish a possible research agenda for future research collaboration in EqUIP by collating and synthesising the outcomes of the previous five symposia.
- Build a link/integration of symposia results with prior actions of EqUIP partners about possible forms of future cooperation;
- Final symposia will produce a Summary which will be an important tool for strengthening EU-India cooperation on the field of social science and humanities.



Agenda for Final Symposium Event in Bled, Slovenia

Location: Hotel Golf, Cankarjeva 4, Bled, Slovenia (Jupiter Hall)

Date: 25.-26. October 2016

24. October 2016

19:00 *DINNER - Get-together for all participants (Hotel Golf Bled)*

25. October 2016 – Day 1

09:00 *Registration and Coffee*

09:30 **Welcome Addresses**

- dr. Tomaž Boh (State secretary, MIZŠ, Slovenia)
- prof. Sukhadeo Thorat, (Chairman, ICSSR, India)
- dr. Jacqui Karn (EqUIP project coordinator, ESRC, UK)

Part I: Synopsis of previous Academic Symposia

10:00 Introduction and aims of the event (Prof. Ursula Rao and Prof. Jerca Vodušek Starič)

10:15 **Inequalities, growth and place/space**

Presentation: Prof. Reena Marwah (Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi, India)
Discussant: Prof. Maja Bučar (University of Ljubljana, Slovenia)

10:30 **Power structures, conflict resolution and social justice**

Presentation: Prof. Åshild Kolås (The Peace Research Institute, Oslo, Norway)
Discussant: Prof. Priyanka Upadhyaya (Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India)

10:45 **Closed discussion with the academic participants who attended the above symposia**

11:15 **Open floor and discussion with all participants + post-it notes**

12:00 **Summary from the morning session**

12:15 *LUNCH*

13:15 **Social transformations, cultural expressions, cross-cultural connections and dialogue**

Presentation: Prof. Jerri Daboo (University of Exeter, UK)
Discussant: Prof. Supriya Chaudhuri (Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India)

13:30 **Digital archives and databases as a source of mutual knowledge**

Presentation: Louise Corti (University of Essex, UK)
Discussant: Dr. Sanjay Garg (National Archives of India, New Delhi, India)

13:45 **Closed discussion with the academic participants who attended the above symposia**

14:15 **Open floor and discussion with all participants + post-it notes**

15:00 *Coffee Break*



25. October 2016 – Day 1

15:30 Sustainable prosperity, well-being and innovation

Presentation: Prof. Kia Lindroos (University of Jyväskylä, Finland)

Discussant: Prof. Shankar Das (Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai campus, India)

15:45 Closed discussion with the academic participants who attended the above symposium

16:00 **Summary of the Day 1** - Prof. Ursula Rao and Prof. Jerca Vodusek Starič

16:15 **Comparative/interactive assessment of crosscutting themes with the convenors and discussants of the academic symposia A-E**

16:45 **Plenary Discussion**

17:15 **End of Day 1**

18:30 *Departure with the BUS to Blejski Grad (Bled Castle)*

19:00 *DINNER at Bled Castle Restaurant*



26. October 2016 – Day 2

Part II Identification of priorities for EU-India SSH cooperation

09:00 Gathering and Coffee

09:30 **Opening of the Day 2** (Prof. Ursula Rao and Prof. Jerca Vodušek Starič)

09:45 **Identification of priorities (voting and reflection - academic participants)**

10:30 *Coffee Break and survey of the voting results*

11:15 **Panel discussion on priorities**

12:30 **EqUIP's way forward** - Gonçalo Zagalo Pereira (FCT, Portugal)

12:45 **Final word and End of Day 2** – MSc. Urban Krajcar (Director General, Science Directorate, MIZŠ, Slovenia)

12:50 *LUNCH*

14:00 – 17:00 *Pilot Call Text Consultation with academic experts (closed group), chaired by ESRC*

***Important note for the academic participants:** Please note that your participation at this closed group consultation means that you are not able to apply for the Pilot call that is planned to be launched by EqUIP at later stage.

18:45 *Departure from the lobby of Hotel Golf and walking to the restaurant Panorama – Grand Hotel Toplice*

19:00 *DINNER at Restaurant Panorama - Grand Hotel Toplice*

27. October 2016 – EqUIP Steering Committee Meeting

** EqUIP Steering Committee Meeting on the 27th October 2016 is restricted to EqUIP project partners and EqUIP associated partners only (ICHR, ICPR and Czech Academy)*

09:00 – 17:00 (Detailed agenda will be provided by ESRC, UK)

18:00 *Departure by BUS to the Restaurant Kunstelj Radovljica*

19:00 *DINNER at Restaurant Kunstelj Radovljica*

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

EQUIP EVENT REGISTRATION: until 23.09.2016; <https://goo.gl/kxee5z>

HOTEL GOLF BLEED BOOKING: until 23.09.2016; <https://goo.gl/CdiUuJ>

LETTER OF GUARANTEE for VISA APPLICATION: until 23.09.2016; please contact: davor.kozmus@gov.si

SHUTTLE TRANSFER BOOKING: <https://www.goopti.com/en/events/equip-events>

For more information about the location, accommodation, transport and visa requirements please see **Logistic Information document:** <http://goo.gl/DFpjXt>

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